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### The Daily Standard.

Tuesday, August 29, 1871.

The Indian Commissionership.

Among the important changes brought about by the admission of British Columbia into the Canadian Dominion, is that of the transference of the Indian population to the care and management of the Dominion Government. The inauguration of a properly defined Indian policy is a want that has long been felt in this country, and a subject which for years has been urged upon the Government by the public press without avail. Had this subject received that degree of attention from the Government which should have been bestowed upon it years gone by, it would have resulted not only in much advantage to the white settlers in the various districts throughout this island and the islands adjacent thereto as well as on the mainland, but likewise to the aborigines. Hitherto there has been no one specially charged with the duty of looking after the interests of the Indian population, of listening to their complaints, adjusting their grievances, rectifying abuses, or settling disputes arising between themselves or the whites in reference to the occupation of lands or defining the boundaries of disputed claims. Until very recently the Indian reservations scattered over the country were unreserved and without defined boundaries, which gave rise to endless disputes between the natives and white settlers, not unfrequently ending in violence and bloodshed. Animosities were thus engendered which rendered it exceedingly unsafe for isolated settlers to continue on their claims, and not a few of whom have paid with their lives the penalty of having incurred the displeasure of their red-skinned neighbors. In fact we are not sure that even at the present moment the Indian reservations have all been surveyed and their boundaries so defined as to render future difficulties between whites and Indians unnecessary. Under the new regime we look for a complete change in the policy of the Government toward the Indian population. The experience which the Dominion Government has had in the administration of Indian affairs in the Eastern Provinces, and the great success which has characterized its operations with the various tribes—by fair dealing winning their confidence, securing their friendship, and gaining the attachment and loyalty to the British Crown—leads us to cherish the hope that similar happy results may flow from the introduction of a like system in the management of the Indian population of British Columbia. We presume that as a first step toward the inauguration of an Indian policy in this Province, an Indian Commissioner must be appointed, with instructions to furnish the Government with reliable statistics concerning the various tribes, their numbers, their locations, the extent of the reservations set apart for their use, and all such other matters as will afford proper data upon which to enable the Government to take action and adopt measures for bringing them under a proper system of government, and subject to such rules and regulations as will conduce to their individual well-being, and be a guarantee to white settlers of the peaceful enjoyment of their claims. As the position of Indian Commissioner, or whatever the head of the Indian Department may be called, will be one of great responsibility, and will require in the incumbent both administrative talent and a knowledge of Indian character, it follows that every one who may aspire to fill the office may not possess those qualifications essential to the efficient discharge of the duties pertaining thereto. But there are other qualifications than those above referred to which a person having charge of so important a trust should be in possession of. His character for integrity and moral rectitude should, like that of Caesar's wife, be above suspicion. The moral as well as the social well-being of the Indian tribes will be committed to his charge, and unless the head of the Department is imbued with a proper regard for moral and Christian principles, it is scarcely to be expected that he will extend that watchful care over the aborigines in this respect that one occupying so important a position should do. It will be his duty to use the utmost vigilance to put a stop to the injurious traffic in alcoholic liquors which has done so much to brutalize the natives, diminish their numbers, and make them a terror to the white settlers. Hence he should be a man with sound views on this question. We are well aware that the law of the Dominion on this subject is very stringent, and that the penalties for any infraction of it are sufficiently severe to exercise a wholesome dread of coming under its operations; but should the Indian Commissioner hold lax views in reference to this subject, there might be a possibility that the law of prohibition as regards the sale of intoxicating liquors to the Indians would become somewhat of a dead letter. We would therefore counsel the utmost care in the choice of a person to fill this important office. We doubt not there will be many applicants for it, and as the welfare of the Indians on the one hand, and the safety of the white settlers on the other hand, are involved in this matter, we trust the Government will use the utmost diligence in inquiring into the character and fitness of applicants for the position before making any appointment thereto.

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